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THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. George A. Carver, Jr.
Deputy Director for National
Intelligence Officers
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : NIE on Iran

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Told [redacted]
7 March that [redacted]
would be made available
to work on the political,
internal portions.

Since the Intelligence Community has not produced a comprehensive National Intelligence Estimate on Iran since 1969, we and S/P (Mr. Thornton) believe it would be useful to produce a new estimate on Iran in anticipation of the Shah's May 16 visit to the US.

Focusing on the near future (i.e., the next five years), the estimate should address the prospects for Iran's:

- domestic political developments;
- economic development and the impact of heavy industrial investment;
- relationship with and role in OPEC, likely investment and recycling policies;
- military expansion and nuclear policies;
- security role in the Gulf and Indian Ocean, and relations with the littoral states;
- relations with the Soviet Union, China, and the developing world.

We would also ask that specific attention be given to the Shah's view of his relations with the US and his likely response to various US postures in South Asia, the Indian Ocean, and the Middle East and on oil and energy issues.

Although time is short, we would hope the estimate could be ready for USIB approval by May 8.

State Dept. review completed

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